AMENDMENT

1. (Currently amended)   A method of configuring a digital camera capable of capturing an image, the method comprising:

providing more than one format selection to be used in capturing the digital image, each format selection corresponding to a unique set of parameters for the capture of the digital image;

providing a toggle control to selectively display a novice parameter setting menu or an advanced parameter setting menu, said advanced parameter setting menu including a wider selection of parameters than said novice parameter setting menu, a user being able to select parameters for a menu according to his experience level;

permitting manual alteration of at least one parameter among the unique set of parameters in the menu to be used in capturing the digital image;

assigning an icon to each of said more than one format selections;

displaying each of said icons in a user interface of the digital camera;

receiving an input for selecting one format selection, said input being a selection of one of said icons; and

retrieving a set of parameters associated with the format selection in response to said receiving the input for selecting said one format selection;

wherein the set of parameters for each of said more than one format selection include settings for compression level, color depth, height resolution and width resolution.

2. (Original)   A method in accordance with Claim 1, further comprising:

setting the operational parameters of the camera to the retrieved set of parameters.

3. (Original)   A method in accordance with Claim 2, further comprising:

capturing the digital image using said set of parameters.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented)   A method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein providing comprises providing at least two format selections, the set of parameters of a first format selection including a higher resolution setting than that of the set of parameters of a second format selection.

6. (Previously Presented)   A method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein providing comprises providing at least two format selections, the set of parameters of a first format selection including a higher compression setting than that of the set of parameters of a second format selection.

7. (Previously Presented)   A method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein at least one parameter of the set of parameters is selected from the group consisting of total resolution, stereoscopic toggle, black/white - color toggle, and black/white greyscale level.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original)   A method in accordance with Claim 1, further comprising:
        assigning a unique name to each of the format selections.

10. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each of said icons is a unique icon.

11. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 1, further comprising:
        assigning the parameters associated with a format selection to default values.

12. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 1, further comprising:
        modifying at least one parameter of a set of parameters associated with a format selection.

13. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 1, further comprising:

generating a new format selection including an associated set of parameters.

14. (Currently amended)   A digital camera user interface comprising:

means for assigning at least one shortcut to a unique set of operational parameters suitable for capturing a digital image with the digital camera;

means for providing a toggle control to selectively display a novice operational parameter setting menu or an advanced operational parameter setting menu, said advanced operational parameter setting menu including a wider selection of operational parameters than said novice operational parameter setting menu, a user being able to select operational parameters for a menu according to his experience level;

means for permitting a user to select the at least one shortcut;

means for adding a new shortcut and assigning operational parameters to said new shortcut;

means for permitting manual alteration of at least one parameter among the set of operational parameters to be used in capturing the digital image: and

means for assigning a unique name to said new shortcut;

wherein the set of operational parameters include settings for compression level, color depth, height resolution and width resolution.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) A user interface in accordance with Claim 14, wherein the at least one shortcut comprises at least two shortcuts, the set of parameters of a first shortcut including a higher resolution setting than that of the set of parameters of a second shortcut.

17. (Previously Presented) A user interface in accordance with Claim 14, wherein the at least one shortcut comprises at least two shortcuts, the set of parameters of a first

shortcut including a higher compression setting than that of the set of parameters of a second shortcut.

18. (Original) A user interface in accordance with Claim 14, further comprising:

means for changing at least one parameter of a set of parameters of at least one shortcut.

19. (Original) A user interface in accordance with Claim 14, further comprising:

means for changing the settings of the digital camera to include the set of operational parameters.

20. (Original) A user interface in accordance with Claim 14, wherein the means for permitting further comprises:

means for bypassing the at least one shortcut; and

means for permitting a user to directly select camera operational parameters.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A user interface in accordance with Claim 14, wherein the means for assigning operational parameters to said new shortcut comprises means for assigning default values for said operational parameters.

23. (Original) A user interface in accordance with Claim 14, further comprising means for assigning the parameters associated with a shortcut to default values.

24. (Previously Presented) A user interface in accordance with Claim 14, wherein at least one parameter of the set of parameters is selected from the group consisting of total resolution, stereoscopic toggle, black/white - color toggle, and black/white greyscale level.

25. (Currently amended)   A digital camera user interface comprising:

logic configured to assign at least one shortcut to a unique set of operational parameters suitable for capturing a digital image with the digital camera;

logic configured to provide a toggle control to selectively display a novice operational parameter setting menu or an advanced operational parameter setting menu, said advanced operational parameter setting menu including a wider selection of operational parameters than said novice operational parameter setting menu, a user being able to select operational parameters for a menu according to his experience level;

logic configured to permit a user to select the at least one shortcut;

logic configured to add a new shortcut and assign operational parameters to said new shortcut; and

logic configured to permit manual alteration of at least one parameter among the set of operational parameters to be used in capturing the digital image:

logic configured to assign a unique name to said new shortcut;

wherein the set of operational parameters include settings for compression level, color depth, height resolution and width resolution.

26. (Original) A user interface in accordance with Claim 25, wherein the operational parameters comprise resolution and compression level.

27. (Original) A user interface in accordance with Claim 26, wherein the at least one shortcut comprises at least two shortcuts, the set of parameters of a first shortcut including a higher resolution setting than that of the set of parameters of a second shortcut.

28. (Original) A user interface in accordance with Claim 26, wherein the at least one shortcut comprises at least two shortcuts, the set of parameters of a first shortcut including a higher compression setting than that of the set of parameters of a second shortcut.

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29. (Original) A user interface in accordance with Claim 25, further comprising:

logic configured to change at least one parameter of a set of parameters of at least one shortcut.

30. (Original) A user interface in accordance with Claim 29, further comprising:

logic configured to change the settings of the digital camera to include the set of operational parameters.

31. (Original) A user interface in accordance with Claim 25, wherein the logic configured to permit further comprises:

logic configured to bypass the at least one shortcut; and

logic configured to permit a user to directly select camera operational parameters.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) A user interface in accordance with Claim 25, wherein the logic configured to assign operational parameters to said new shortcut comprises logic configured to assign default values for said operational parameters .

34. (Original) A user interface in accordance with Claim 25, further comprising logic configured to assign the parameters associated with a shortcut to default values.

35. (Previously Presented) A user interface in accordance with Claim 25, wherein at least one parameter of the set of parameters is selected from the group consisting of total resolution, stereoscopic toggle, black/white - color toggle, and black/white greyscale level.

36. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with Claim 9, wherein the unique name indicates an intended usage of the digital image for which said retrieved a set of parameters associated with the format selection is suitable.

37. (Previously Presented) A user interface in accordance with Claim 14, wherein the unique name indicates an intended usage of a digital image for which said unique set of operational parameters is suitable.

38. (Previously Presented) A user interface in accordance with Claim 25, wherein the unique name indicates an intended usage of a digital image for which said unique set of operational parameters is suitable.

39. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with Claim 9, wherein said assigning a unique name to each of the format selections comprises:
    assigning a unique name to each icon.

40. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with Claim 1, further comprising:
    displaying as an alternative to said icons an option to individually select each one of said parameters.

41. (Previously Presented) A user interface in accordance with Claim 14, further comprising:
    means for providing, as an alternative to said shortcuts, an option to individually select each one of said operational parameters.

42. (Previously Presented) A user interface in accordance with Claim 25, further comprising:
    logic for providing, as an alternative to said shortcuts, an option to individually select each one of said operational parameters.

43. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein at least two parameters in said set of parameters are independent of each other.

44. (Previously Presented) A user interface in accordance with Claim 14, wherein at least two parameters in said set of operational parameters are independent of each other.

45. (Previously Presented) A user interface in accordance with Claim 25, wherein at least two parameters in said set of operational parameters are independent of each other.

46-48. (Canceled)